for being a priest and coming to England contrary to the Statute. He pleaded not guilty and refused trial for a while, because he said that the jury was ignorant and the Chief Justice made the law, wherefore on him would he the guilt of his blood The Lord Chief Justice asked him who was head of the Church He answered, the Pope * Thou art a Jesuit' [J] quoth he * No,* said the prisoner * What dost thou think of Jesuits ?' ' That they are good and religious men,* he answered [c] Thou art a traitor,[9] cried the Lord Chief Justice * As good a subject as your Lordship or any assistant on the bench,* he replied At last he consented to trial and was condemned He answered stoutly yet with great modesty and discretion, moving many to compassionate him He desired the little time he had to live to be amongst his fellow Catholics, complaining of unchristian restraint, but the keeper was commanded to use him as before This morning he was executed at Tyburn He prayed for the Queen and showed great courage, yet with mildness and discretion , many pitying him and inveighing against the cruelty of the Lord Chief Justice, for he had not a day's liberty to provide for his death, as even common thieves have

ist March NEW PLAYS AT THE ROSE

My Lord of Worcester's men have four new plays called *Christmas Comes but Once a Year* (by Chettle, Dekker, Heywood and Webster) , *The Black Dog of Newgate* (by Day, Hathway and Smith) , *The Blind Eats Many a Fly* (by Heywood), and *The Unfortunate General* (by Day, Hathway and Smith)

$th March. THE MISERABLE STATE OF THE IRISH REBELS

Because of the constant destruction of their

corn the rebels
in divers parts of Ireland are reduced to most miserable estate.
In many places carcases be scattered, all dead of the famine
The captains report that they discovered the most horrible
spectacle of three children (whereof the eldest was not above ten
years old) all eating and knawmg with their teeth the entrails of
their dead mother In Newry some old women of those parts
used to make a fire in the fields, and divers little children driving
out the cattle in the cold mornings and coming thither to warm
themselves were by them surprised and eaten In ditches of